

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed on August 2, 2011. Claims 1 and 10 are amended. The amendments to claim 1 are supported, for example, in original claim 9, the specification on page 7, lines 2-16 and Figs. 1B and 3B. Claim 10 is amended to track the amendments to claim 1. The amendments to claim 10 are also supported, for example, in the specification on page 7, lines 2-16. Claim 9 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter is added. Claims 1, 5-8 and 10 remain pending in the application.

Examiner Interview:

Applicants thank Examiner Breval for the telephone interview with Applicant's representative, Amol Kavathekar, on December 23, 2011. Proposed amendments to claim 1 were discussed. The Examiner agreed that the proposed amendments to claim 1 distinguish over the references of record. The discussions of the interview are reflected in the above amendments and the following remarks.

§103 Rejections:

Claims 1 and 5-10 are rejected as being unpatentable over Bao (U.S. Patent Publication No. 6,150,668) in view of Morita (JP No. 2003-084686) and in further view of Garcia (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0164497). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claim 1 is directed to a display apparatus that requires, among other features, that when seen from the conductive film side, the pixel electrode has an area larger than that of the source electrode, and an edge of the source electrode except for a connecting portion between the source scanning line and the source electrode is located inside of the pixel electrode.

The combination of Bao, Morita and Garcia does not teach or suggest these features of claim 1. The rejection relies on Figs. 2 and 3 of Bao for teaching a pixel electrode that has an area larger than that of the source electrode and covers the active layer. However, Figs. 2 and 3 of Bao fail to teach or suggest that when seen from the conductive film side, the pixel electrode has an area larger than that of the source electrode, and an edge of the source electrode except for a connecting portion between the source scanning line and the source electrode is located inside of the pixel electrode, as recited in claim 1. Morita and Garcia also fail to teach or suggest these features of claim 1.

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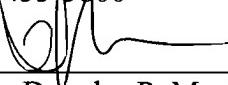
For at least these reasons, claim 1 is not suggested by the combination of Bao, Morita and Garcia and should be allowed. Claims 5-10 depend from claim 1 and should be allowed for at least the same reasons.

Conclusion:

Applicants respectfully assert that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Douglas P. Mueller (Reg. No. 30,300), at (612) 455-3804.

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